GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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DEALERSHIPS OF RCF
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed in awarding dealership of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF);

(b) the number of the advertisements issued by the R.C.F for awardingdealership in the rural areas of the country, especially in Maharashtra during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government noticed some irregularities in awarding dealership in the rural areas of Ahmednagar district;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/likely to be taken thereon by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): The distributors/ dealers of fertilisers are appointed by the individual fertiliser manufacturing company keeping in view, interalia, their commercial and marketing needs in different States. The licence for distributorship is given by the respective State Governments. The criteria followed by Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) in awarding dealership are given below:

(i) The applicant must possess a valid fertiliser dealer's licence issued by the District Agricultural Officer;

(ii) The applicant should not have been subject to any penalty or cancellation of licence due to non compliance with laws relating to Fertiliser Control Order;

(iii) The applicant must have his own godown for storage of fertiliser and shop at a convenient location;

(iv) The applicant should have good contacts with the farming community and resources to invest in the fertiliser business;

(v) The applicant must bear favourable references from District Agricultural officer and his bankers;

(vi) The applicant must produce Income Tax clearance certificate and should have Sales Tax registration number;

(vii) In case the applicant happens to be an unemployed graduate or physically handicapped or belongs to SC/ST category or Ex-serviceman then necessary certificate for the same has to be produced.

The final selection of dealers is made by the Selection Committee constituted by RCF for the purpose through personal interviews.

(b): Nineteen advertisements were issued by RCF for awarding dealershipsduring the last two years including nine in Maharashtra State.

(c): Dealerships for rural areas of Ahmednagar district have been awarded by the RCF management as per the company's policy.

(d) & (e): Questions do not arise.